

THE SENTINEL.

"UNION, VIGILANCE, PERSEVERANCE."

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 1841.

We are requested by many citizens of Marion county to announce NATHANIEL WEST as a candidate to fill the vacancy in the State Senate occasioned by the resignation of Gen. Robert Hanna.

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What measures then shall produce relief? On this point, the better judgment of those whom the people have chosen to represent them, must be consulted. Should the prayer of the following petition be granted, and we hope it will, such measures as the Legislature may see proper to adopt will take effect some months sooner than would be the case, should that body not meet till the regular day. If the people desire relief, the petitions should be circulated throughout the State, signatures obtained, and forwarded to the Governor at as early a day as practicable. This is a measure for the general welfare; hence should not be made a party question. Let the people of all parties who find their affairs in such a state as to require legislative interference, come forward and sign it. No possible harm can arise from it. Again we say, let us all put our shoulders to the wheel, and something must come.

The following is the petition:

TO HIS EXCELLENCY, SAMUEL BIGGER,
Governor of the State of Indiana:
Your excellency being clothed by the Constitution of the State, with power to convene the Legislature on Extraordinary occasions," the undersigned citizens of Indiana, believe that one of those extraordinary occasions has occurred which calls loudly for Executive interposition. The country is borne down with the excessive burden of taxation, and deep pecuniary distress seems to pervade almost every part of the State. Relief laws for the benefit of the unfortunate debtor must be passed, or thousands of this honest and industrious part of community will be driven to irrevocable bankruptcy and ruin. Unless there is some immediate action, relief will come too late to hundreds, whom all will be sacrificed under the hammer. The means of the farmer will be much lessened by the failure of the corn crop, and the great reduction in the price of pork and other staples. With these facts before you, we sincerely pray your excellency to issue a proclamation convening the Legislature at the earliest possible period, that these important measures may receive the immediate attention of the Legislature.

The Indiana Journal seems to be fearful that the people of this county will not vote according to the dictates of the Bank Junto. It is trying to coax the independent whigs into the ranks, and holds out Tennessee as a bait. Hie!

The whigs of Tennessee have done up the thing handsomely. They have set an example for their brethren in Indiana to imitate. Will the whigs of Marion county do likewise in the approaching Senatorial contest?

Perhaps the "whigs of Marion county" would like to please the editor of the Journal, and also the Junto. But we mistake their character, if, for the future, they do not endeavor to please themselves first.

INDIANA DEMOCRAT.—We are in daily receipt of letters from subscribers to the Indiana Democrat. We can only say to those who have applied, or who may apply to us, that we have nothing whatever to do with the former accounts of that paper; and that the publishers of the Democrat have made no arrangements with us to supply their subscribers for the time for which they have overpaid. We regret, as much as any one, that it is so; but we cannot comply with the requests of those who have applied to us, without manifest injustice to ourselves. They have a legal remedy, if other resorts should fail.

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DISHONESTY.—The members of the last federal whig legislature of Connecticut, at the adjournment, stod 27 volumes of the Statutes, Tumblers, Inkstands, Letter Puddles, Registers, Stamps, Sealing Wax, Paper, Quills, Penknives, Steel Pens, Sandboxes, &c., &c., belonging to the State, besides taking pay for forty-one days, when they only sat twenty-six and a half days. Verily this is federal reform!

REPEAL.—What is there about "repeal" that so frightens the federal whigs? Why did they not condemn the late President on that ground, or are they ignorant of the fact that while in Congress in 1819, he voted for the following resolution?

"Resolved, That the committee on the judiciary be instructed to report a bill to REPEAL an act entitled 'an act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States passed in 1816.'

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WHAT WILL MILTON STAPP SAY?
The Sherwood spoken of in the following, says the Ohio Statesman, was the principal in getting up the Gallipolis bank, in connection with Ewing and Vinton as attorneys.

These are of the same species of speculators from which sprung Bob Smith of the Journal; and who go about the country abusing the New York Herald, because in its powerful money articles, their villainies are exposed and laid open. They generally sail under the cloak of a remarkable regard for religion, the better to impose upon the virtuous; while they practice all sorts of crimes in the reach of human villainy. Most of these men tell the white that they were once "Loco Foco," but they found that party so opposed to their interests, that they **left it** & **A DUTY TO JOIN THE WHIGS!!!**

From the New York Herald.

ANOTHER DEFACATION.—SWARTZOWLER.—KENTUCKY, OR WHAT YOU PLEASE.—The devil is still busy among the financiers. Merrill B. Sherwood, we now learn on the best authority, left the country with a fine young lady, not his wife, in the ship Renown, at Philadelphia bound for Hamburg.

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He is a model for a financier for you. Don't split your sides, Satan.

Of the Indiana stock, he sold a large quantity to the North American Trust Company. In June last, a requisition was procured of Governor Seward, to deliver him up to the authorities of Indiana. As soon as Sherwood heard of this, he went to New Jersey and skinned. While another requisition was preparing for the Governor of New Jersey, Sherwood went to Philadelphia, procured some foreign gold, and embarked without a passport. His brother in this city afterwards procured a passport from the Secretary of State, and sent it privately after him to Hamburg.

It is supposed that Sherwood has taken with him, \$200,000, the proceeds of all the Indiana bonds, equal to half a million.

Thus is the financier ungowned. He belonged to the same class who denounce the Herald for indecency, immorality and falsehood. He was a saint and a hater of our money articles. Why? Because they told too much truth!

DARING ADVENTURE.—At the last term of the Madison Circuit Court, William Harris was convicted of the crime of perjury, and sentenced to the State prison for the term of two years. The citizens of Andersontown, a few days before the sitting of the Court, to force the Commissioners to erect a new jail, pulled down the old one, which was wholly insufficient. Harris, the prisoner, was therefore confined in the upper apartment of the *cupola* of the Court House, and strongly guarded below. During the terrible storm on Friday night, the 12th inst., he cut his iron off by means of a case knife which he converted into a saw, and passing out at an upper window of the cupola, about 60 feet from the ground, descended the lightning rod on the outside of the building and made his escape. This he did during one of the most terrible thunder storms ever witnessed in the country. His wife, who had shared his confinement, kept dark till morning.

FIRE.—On Tuesday night last, we believe it was, the Hotel, known as the "9 mile house," in Bridgeport, and kept by John Ballard, was totally destroyed by fire. It originated, as we are informed, by carelessly leaving a burning candle. Its fortunate discovery by a person at work in the steam mill before it had made much progress, was the means of saving the lives of its inmates. We understand that there was no insurance.

TO THE LOCAL PRESS OF INDIANA.—It would greatly facilitate the obtaining of election returns, if our contemporaries would use a little more exertion in collecting them in their immediate vicinities, and forwarding them to the offices in this place. They should give as many of the adjoining counties as possible as well as their own. This being a central point, with mail from all directions, such a course would enable us to send back to them the whole returns in a much shorter period, which would be an accommodation to all. Will they think of it, and do so in future?

THE INDIA JOURNAL thinks if the people should elect any candidate but the one mentioned in that paper, it would "give a fatal stab to their party." We are not aware that the coming election is to be made a *party* contest; and if it were, we are not so sanguine as the editor of the Journal, that it is to "stab" the whig party. Don't *flare up*, my dear fellow, if it is natural.

GOOD NEWS!—The Branch Bank in this place has commenced discounting notes for some of its customers. We have heard of a considerable sum being discounted to a certain doctor on Tuesday last, the 17th inst. It is possible that this liberality may not last longer than the close of the election for senator; therefore we would advise all such of the people as can give good security, to make immediate application for discounts or loans. The Bank, we think, will hardly refuse to accommodate good men now who may want money, even if they should not be such *favorites* as the *Fucky doctor*.

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IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT.—The Philadelphia Gazette lays before its readers the following revolting picture, faithfully portraying the evils of the unjust system of imprisonment for debt:

"It is estimated that at least 60,000 persons are lying in the prisons of the United States for debt. Probably, with but few exceptions, these 60,000 people are husband and fathers, and have been torn away from helpless, dependent and weeping families, not for crime but for misfortune. In most instances, this imprisoned multitude are willing and able to labor and earn a subsistence for their families, and something towards the extinguishment of their liabilities. But from every duty, and from every blessing at home and freedom, they are cut off; and no useful end is accomplished by their imprisonment. They are as many dead and buried men. They are sufficient in numbers to people a State and make it ring with the notes of joy and the din of cheerful industry. They are a larger body of men than that which achieved our national independence, and yet they pine in pestiferous cells, side by side with thieves, pirates and murderers, under the sanction of the law."

IMPERIENCE UNPARALLELED.—The federal whig editors are now quoting Amos Kendall in favor of removals from office; a man whom, with but two exceptions (Jefferson and Van Buren), has been the most slandered by them. Why do they do this? Nobody blames them for grasping the "spoils"; but for their *falschowd* and *hypocrisys*.

IMPEDIMENTA.—The Wabash Courier, not content with claiming Daniel Webster as a democrat, asserts that Commodore Charles Stewart is a *federalist*! This is doubled distilled impudence, and could come from nobody but Dowling or Sam. Judah. A federalist! a man who flogged more British than any other man living except Andrew Jackson—a federalist! Well done, Tom! What next?

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O NO.—The Wabash Courier says: "We believe it is a fact that Mr. Webster never *loved money*." We think this rather a quibble; but very few *love money* for its own sake; but *love the good things* they get for it. And among these we class Daniel Webster. If he did not "love money," why has he become a debtor to the U. S. Bank by borrowing thousands? Why has he devoted himself body and soul to that institution, but for his thousands of dollars in fees? Why did he accept the \$5,000 dollars *charity*, (as the whigs would have it,) from the N. York and Boston merchants? Why did he accept the bribe of \$1,000 from British Bankers, and treasonably agree to make over to them the public domain? We expect to see their writhings and contortions, that their pride of consistency forbids their retrograding on to a middle ground. Hence we see new papers starting up, even under the very noses of those which have done the dirty work of the party in power, in every section. A few, however, are trying to *cross* back on to this ground, and it is really curious to see their writhings and contortions to effect such an object. They wish to retain their full blooded *Clay* partisans, and to obtain the support of the masses. Hence their cause becomes one of the greatest inconsistency—this day condemning the next, hating the same measures.

THE OLD SCHOOL REPUBLICAN.—This is the title of a new whig paper just issued at Columbus, O. In appearance it looks well; but in politics, it is calculated to deserve a portion of its own party, for which purpose it was doubtless established. The federal whigs begin to learn that the mass of the people, let them attach themselves to which party they will, are neither to be driven or coaxed into the support of ultra federal measures. Some of their papers have so far committed themselves, that their pride of consistency forbids their retrograding on to a middle ground. Hence we see new papers starting up, even under the very noses of those which have done the dirty work of the party in power, in every section. A few, however, are trying to *cross* back on to this ground, and it is really curious to see their writhings and contortions to effect such an object. They wish to retain their full blooded *Clay* partisans, and to obtain the support of the masses. Hence their cause becomes one of the greatest inconsistency—this day condemning the next, hating the same measures.

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